

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
JUNE 15, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

HIGHWAY

Mike Sisson, Highway Supervisor, informed the Board that they had sent the specs for a new loader, to the paper with a request for quotes. Quotes are to be in by July 6 and awarded at a meeting on July 13.

Commissioner West asked Mr. Sisson if he had a long-term plan as far as replacing equipment. Mr. Sisson replied that he does not.

DRAINAGE ISSUE

Dixie Lancaster came before the Commissioners to ask if there are any plans to fix the drainage issue on Blake Street in Miami. Her basement and yard has been flooded since the sewer work was completed and she is very concerned about mold issues. The Commissioner said she will need to discuss the issue with the Sewer Board in Miami as the Commissioners have no authority to address it. The Commissioners did ask her to keep them updated.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd informed the Board that he had asked Gaunt and Son Asphalt to bid on the Hoosier Boulevard project. They declined to bid. E & B Paving came back with a more defined number of \$639,050. The Commissioner asked what the balance of the \$850,000 would be used for. Mr. Tidd replied that they would look at repaving some parking lots and/or do some repairs at the steam plant.

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the amount of \$639,050, submitted by E&B Paving, subject to the approval of the Bond issue. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes from 6-1-15. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Francis abstained).

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT COMMITTEE

Peter Diedrichs, IT Committee Chairman, informed the Board that Gary Nichols, Prosecutor office and John Walker, CASA, due to the nature of their jobs, need remote access. Commissioner West made a motion to allow Mr. Nichols and Mr. Walker to have remote access. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST

Mr. Diedrichs also explained to the Board that his laptop computer is out of date and he would like to purchase a new one (755.58) to be paid for with 4-D incentive money. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts received an appraisal on the Becker-Mock building, however it was a dual appraisal and the specifically need to separate appraisals. Mr. Roberts will work on getting that corrected.

CASA

Kurt Kiefer, Director, informed the Board that he is having issues with his cell phone and asked to get it updated. Commissioner West made a motion to allow Mr. Kiefer to update his cell phone and pay for it out of CASA funds. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

WEED LIENS

Tammy Gamble, Zoning Administrator, brought three weed liens for the Commissioners to sign off on in order to release the liens. Commissioner West made a motion to release the weed liens. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINTE

Ben Bontrager and Rachele Uthe presented the Comprehensive Plan to the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the Plan. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Tammy Gamble made the point that it should have been in the Planning and Zoning office prior to the Commissioners voting on it.

9-1-1

Commissioner Chairman Francis explained that since the 9-1-1 Center has started, the Commissioners appointed a Director for the Center. After some discussion, the Board felt that it was time for a change and is considering putting the operation of the 9-1-1 under the Miami County Sheriff.

Chief of Police, Ray Rainy, speaking on behalf of Mayor Jim Walker, stated that the Mayor would like to see the Center continue operating under the same system it has been, with a Director.

There is concern that in 3 ½ years, a new Sheriff will come in and not work as well, however we have had 3 new directors in the last 4 years. If it does not work, it could go back to appointing a Director. There are 42 counties that have their 9-1-1 Center under the Sheriff and they highly recommend it.

Commissioner West asked if anyone saw any down side to making this change. The Sheriff said the only downside he sees is that for it to be successful, all players had to be on board and he does not feel that is the case.

The Sheriff said he would need to have a supervisor (Director of Personnel) in place at the actual center (increase in pay) and promote Jessica to (Director of Spillman) (pay increase) and would need more part time help.

Commissioner Francis stated that in order for it to work, the 9-1-1 Board will need to be more active. County Councilman Dick Wiles asked at what point will we know if it is working. Commissioner Francis said within a month or two we should know.

Commissioner West made a motion to place 9-1-1 under the Miami County Sheriff. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR COMP TIME

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to pay the Highway Supervisor, Mike Sisson, for all of his comp time above 80 hours. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (West opposed).

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought in 2 natural gas permits from NIPSCO and informed the Board that he had no issue with either one. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

STRAND & ASSOCIATE

Eric Brunn explained that Strand & Associates is a full service Engineering Firm. Mr. Brunn stopped in to re-introduce himself and asked for consideration if the county had any engineering needs.

PROBATION

Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer, informed the Board that the fire alarm has been going off for four days. MC Contracting came and looked at it and has been able stop it from going off. The company that installed it looked at it and stated that the battery was getting low and there was no doubt it would go off again without changing the battery. Ms. Rice also stated there was an issue with the door key system failing to work and no one could get into the building. No one had an actual key to the door. A key was finally located at 9-1-1. Commissioner West made a motion for Commissioner Hamman to take over that area and try to find a solution to their issues. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Hamman abstained).

SOUTH BEND COMMUNICATION

The Board received a bill from South Bend Communications regarding maintenance on the fire system in the old jail. Commissioner West made a motion to the \$500. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to recess until 2:00. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECESS UNTIL 2:00

BACK IN SESSION

PERSONELL POLICY

The Commissioners discussed the issue of the personnel policy concerning the closing of offices.

HIRING OF PHONE /CENTRAL SUPPLY PERSON

Commissioner West made a motion to hire Tammy Justice as the phone/central supply person. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Hamman abstained).

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley